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REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL AND MICROSCOPICAL SECTION.

The Section has held the usual meetings during the year with increased membership. It has lost by death a valued member, Mr. David S. Holman.

The Conservator reports that the apparatus and slides belonging to the Section are in fair condition, and some progress has been made in cataloguing the latter.

Additions during the year include thirty-six slides of wood sections purchased and twenty-six volumes, principally of microscopical journals, presented by Mr. John C. Wilson.

At a joint meeting with the Biological Society of the University of Pennsylvania, the latter was represented by Prof. Conklin, who spoke upon "Fertilization and Inheritance," and the Section by Mr. Frank J. Keeley, who gave a history of the "Development of the American Microscope." Dr. Morris also spoke upon the "Theory of Vibration."

Communications have been made by Mr. Palmer on *Spirogyra* and desmids; by Mr. Keeley on rock-inclusions, various appliances of the microscope, and the Abbé diffraction theory; by Mr. Woolman on artesian well deposits; by Mr. Boyer on diatoms; by Dr. Stewart on white blood corpuscles and bacteria, and by Dr. Morris on pathology.

At the meetings with the Academy Dr. Benjamin Sharp spoke upon the "Food of the Cod;" Dr. Pilsbry on the "Relationships of the Genus *Neobeliscus*;" Mr. Keeley on the "Structure of Diatoms" and "Colored Illumination," and Drs. Ravenel and McCarthy on the "Pathology and Treatment of Rabies."

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>Director</i> ,	.	.	.	.	J. Cheston Morris, M.D.
<i>Vice-Director</i> ,	.	.	.	.	T. Chalkley Palmer.
<i>Treasurer</i> ,	.	.	.	.	Lewis Woolman.
<i>Conservator</i> ,	.	.	.	.	Frank J. Keeley.
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<i>Recorder</i> ,	.	.	.	.	Charles S. Boyer.

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